

INACTIVITY OF BULLER

and the Absence of News Are Making Englishmen Irritable and Impatient.

THE MINISTRY IS LOSING ITS SUPPORT

The Morning Post Also Demands a Reconstruction of the Cabinet. Methuen Is to Be Recalled.

New York, January 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Lord Methuen has been recalled to England. This statement is made on the highest authority. It is reported that he was laboring under great mental excitement after the battle of Modder River and that he was unable to command troops. Two members of his family are said to be weak-minded. Lord Methuen's last words, uttered in yesterday's dispatches, have created a most painful impression. Disappointments and reverses are endured by the Englishmen with fortitude and grim stoicism; but the utter lack of trustworthy news from General Buller's army, borne with increasing signs of impatience and irritability. The summons of the ambulance corps to the front last week after every available battalion and every troop had been called into Natal, was accepted as the signal for impending battle, but when Lord Methuen was heard on Saturday the relieving army was only capable of making a harmless reconnaissance worthy of a harmless reconnaissance worthy of a harmless reconnaissance. Many of the leascholders have protested to the Natal government, but they were told to make whatever complaints they had in writing and these would be forwarded to Mr. Asor.

Many tenants have been in possession of the property for from twenty to forty years, having bought on a mortgage and succeeded in paying off nearly, if not all, of the mortgage, only to find themselves at an old age in a fair way to be deprived of the savings of a lifetime. The great number of houses in the territory bounded by Avenue A to First avenue and Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets. The houses are for the most part four-story tenements, twenty years old and lacking in modern improvements. The landlords consequently have difficulties in securing tenants. The rentals for these houses average \$100 a year when all the rooms and the stores on the ground floor are constantly occupied. With the ground rental of \$100 now demanded and \$300 a year taxes, which must be paid by the tenants, there is left \$150 a year to the owners, from which repairs must be deducted.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Dewey May Have Duty at Sea if He Desires It.

New York, January 10.—A Herald special from Washington says: "If Secretary Long approves the recommendation of the board of officers engaged in revising the naval regulations, Admiral Dewey will continue to be available for sea duty. A provision inserted in the regulations permits his assignment to command a fleet and to such shore duty as the secretary of the navy may direct."

MINISTER GOES INSANE.

Attempts to Murder His Wife by Biting Her Throat.

Columbia, S. C., January 10.—Rev. R. McSwain Ataway, son and brother of Methodist ministers and himself a prominent preacher, met death near Pickens in a horrible manner. Ataway's health had been poor for some time, and just a week ago a son, to whom he was devoted, died after a long illness, through which the father nursed him. The first symptoms that the preacher had lost his mind were when he went into his yard and cut off the head of a favorite dog with an ax. Going to the pigpen he killed a large pig with a single blow. Returning to the house he lay down, but soon jumped up and began breaking furniture. Mrs. Ataway was in bed in an adjoining room. Rushing there the demoniac minister seized the head of his wife by the throat with his teeth, hanging on like a bulldog. Mrs. Ataway screamed to her daughter, 16 years old, to come to her aid. The girl ran in and tried to cut her father's throat. "If you don't, he will kill me," she said. Ataway's teeth had slipped from the flesh, and he was holding only by the hair. His daughter could not strike, but cut the cloth around his mouth and Ataway fell over dead. The doctors pronounced it heart failure. Mrs. Ataway has now become violently insane.

INDIANS ARE BOLD.

The Yaquis Are Now Operating in Small Bands.

Chicago, January 10.—A special to the Record from Ortiz, Mexico, says: Small bands of Yaqui Indians have become very annoying to the Mexican troops during the last few days and frequent skirmishes have occurred. A few nights ago 100 Indians boldly rode into the carrol and stampered over 200 horses belonging to the troops. The Indians afterward captured the animals for their own use. It is almost impossible to get supplies to the troops owing to the Yaqui guerrilla tactics. General Torres' men are living on the country and there are times when they must suffer severely for the lack of food. The Americans who have come from the Yaqui country say that the troops have made no headway toward putting down the insurrection.

GONZALEZ—Feeders are having a hard time getting their cattle and sheep to eat. One statement is said to have been made in both branches of congress, that the cattle are almost impossible and sheep and branches out of banks.

BUDGET FROM BEAUMONT

Fire Business Is Being Done at Both Sabine and Port Arthur.

THE NEARNESS OF THE PORTS HELPS BOTH

A New Mill Is to Be Built Near Jasper—Federal Court Affirmed Judgment for Damages.

Beaumont, Texas, January 10.—There are four steamers now at the docks at Sabine taking cargo, chiefly cotton, for European ports. There are also six sailing vessels in port taking lumber and timber for foreign and East Atlantic ports. About fifty cotton steamers have gone to Sabine during the last ten days from Galveston and New Orleans to aid the local screwmen in handling cotton. It is said that when a steamer of average tonnage gets a full cargo on the screwmen and other laborers have about \$4000 in wages paid to them for loading the vessel.

As to how long it will continue can not be stated, but the chartering of more vessels and the booking of more cotton and other commodities to go abroad indicates that it will continue actively till the late crops shall have been moved. It is also stated that a greater quantity of lumber has been booked within the last twenty days for shipment through Sabine than has been in prospect for shipment at any one time during the past eighteen months. Large shipments of grain, cotton and other commodities are being loaded on steamers at the Port Arthur docks, vessels loading to draft of eighteen feet and then dropping down into the channel to take additional cargoes from lighters, or going to the docks at Sabine and loading from the wharves there to a draft of twenty-five feet, then going to sea. The nearness and accessibility of these ports to each other is greatly to the advantage of each, as it enables ship charterers who can not get full cargo at either Port Arthur or Sabine for any one foreign port to run their ship to both places and get full cargo and quick dispatch, saving the annoyance and expense of demurrage fees on vessels that might otherwise be delayed in loading.

A NEW MILL.

Captain E. I. Kelle of Jasper is in the city this morning and reports prospects for Jasper as exceedingly bright. Among other improvements assured for that county in the near future, the captain says, is an immense saw mill that is to be built just north of Jasper on the line of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City extension. Several weeks ago the Post correspondent said that an ideal site for a saw mill on the proposed line of the Kansas had been obtained by Mr. A. Gilmer, a lumber manufacturer of Orange, whose mill had previously been destroyed by fire. While Captain Kelle did not so announce it, it is believed that Mr. Gilmer will be the mill immediately north of Jasper and that the manufacturer will maintain his general offices and headquarters in Beaumont.

MAILBOTS GET DAMAGES.

News has been received in this city that the United States circuit court of appeals at New Orleans had affirmed the decision of the lower courts in the case of Olive, Sternberg & Co. vs. Domingue Mathias and wife. This was a suit brought in the United States court at Beaumont for damages for causing the death of the minor son of Mathias and wife while an employee of the train road of defendants.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Woman's Reading club will be entertained by Mrs. Tom Curley at the residence of Mrs. W. P. H. McFadden Saturday, January 12.

There is again talk of an electric railroad. It is now asserted that a party has gone north to close negotiations for track, cars and other equipment.

J. C. Mow, general passenger agent of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway, is in Kansas City on business connected with his department.

General Manager John H. Kirby of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City came over from Houston this morning and went to Silas, headquarters of the Texas Pine Land association, this afternoon. He will return tonight. Manager Kirby says he could give out nothing definite regarding extension of the Katy road at present, except that the road would be built to Waskom.

THE COTTON MILL INDUSTRY.

Governor Congratulates South Carolina on Her Progress.

Columbia, S. C., January 10.—The general assembly of South Carolina met here yesterday at noon. In his annual message Governor McSwain congratulates the general assembly upon existing conditions. There has been no mob violence and good order has prevailed. The condition of the State's finances is encouraging. New railroads representing an outlay of \$6,000,000 have been constructed. In speaking of the cotton mill outlook he says: "In cotton manufacturing South Carolina leads all the Southern States and stands second only to Massachusetts in the number of spindles and second to none in equipment. If the progress of the past year augurs anything for the future, we shall lead all the Southern States in the industry, and instead of furnishing any of our staple crop for export to other places for manufacture, we will be large importers of cotton from other States to supply the local demand."

Smallpox at Honey Grove.

Honey Grove, Texas, January 10.—Some excitement was created last night by the announcement that the city physician had discovered seven well developed cases of smallpox. Mayor Ballinger this morning wired a statement of the case to State Health Officer Blunt. The houses wherein these cases are located have been quarantined and every precaution taken to prevent any spread. Mr. Miller, who first developed the disease, is now well and will be dismissed from detention in the next few days.

Horses Are Dying.

Tanglewood, Texas, January 8.—There is a disease prevalent among horses here, fatal in all cases so far. The people call it "sleepy staggers." The animal attacked becomes droopy and refuses food, then goes blind in one eye, usually the right one, and when made to move, moves in a circle. Death occurs in thirty to forty hours. Examination shows the brain congested on one side. Several lines of treatment have been tried, but without success.

Hale County News.

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